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In re Patent No. 5,799,320 :
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Application No. 07/975,905 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: November 12, 1992 :

This is a decision on the petition to reinstate an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 4, 2010.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued August 25, 1998. Accordingly, the third maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from August 25, 2009 through February 25, 2010 without surcharge, or with a late payment surcharge during the period from February 26, 2010 through August 25, 2010. No maintenance fee having been received, the patent expired on August 26, 2010.

Since the instant petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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